Obituaries

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Edward W. Clyde

Edward Wibur Clyde, 73, died of cancer at his home in Salt Lake City on July 17, 1991.

Born Nov. 23, 1917 in Heber City to L. Dean and Ardell Buhler Clyde. He spent his early years in the Heber Valley working in his family's ranching business. Married Betha (Betty) Jensen on Aug. 14, 1941 in the Logan LDS Temple.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Carolyn (Mrs. Richard M.) Mollinet, Salt Lake City; Susan (Mrs. H. Mifflin) Williams, Bountiful; sons, Steven E. Clyde, Salt Lake City, and Thomas E. Clyde, Woodland; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Glenna McBride, Salt Lake City; Barbara Allred, Heber City; and Ardean Anderson, Woodland, and a brother, Russell Kay Clyde, Johnstown, PA. Preced in death by his brother, Roy Clyde, and a sister, Shirley MacNaughtan.

He graduated from BYU in 1939 with a degree in Speech and Economics, and from the University of Utah College of Law in 1942, and was actively practicing law at the time of his death. He was a founder of the law firm of Clyde, Pratt & Snow in Salt Lake. He had a nationally prominent legal career, particularly in the field of natural resources and environmental law. He represented the State of Utah in the negotiations of the Upper Colorado River Compact, and was the attorney for the State Engiener for several years. He served on the Utah Land Board and Utah Board of Oil Gas & Mining, was chairman of the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission, and was a special consultant to the National Water Commission and National Advisory Council on Public Lands. He published extensively in legal journals on natural resource law and policy issues. He served as attorney for Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. In addition to his legal career, he had a life-long association with the University of Utah, serving first as a faculty member in the College of Law, and later on with the governing board of the University from 1964 through 1981. For twelve years, he was chairman of the Institutional Council and oversaw much of the growth of the University. He was serving on the board of the University Hospital at the time of his death. He had been active in state politics all his life, and once served as chairman of the State Democratic Convention. He received numerous awards from public and private organizations, including an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Utah in 1981; The "Lawyer of the Year" award from the Utah State Bar in 1985; and the "Citizen's Award" from the Department of Interior in 1988.

He was active in ranching for many years, and found great joy in the natural beauty of his ranch in Woodland and Utah generally. He spent many happy hours at the ranch with his family and friends. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and was devoted to his family. He and his wife enjoyed many years of traveling together. He was an Elder in the LDS Church, and had taught adult Sunday School classes for several years.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 22. Burial was in the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.